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In re Application of: : B. Fubara  
F. JOLY et al :  
Serial No.: 09/700,120 : Group: 1615  
Filed: November 8, 2000 :  
For: PHARMACEUTICAL...AND USES :  
600 Third Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016  
March 13, 2003

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for three months until

**March 17, 2003.**

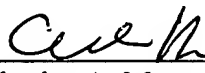
PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

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